

BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING
TOWN OF WEBB UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2016
LIBRARY
6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Nahor, George Hildebrant, Sharon Evans, Joseph Phaneuf and Anne Garbarino
Casey Hamlin– Student Representative

ALSO PRESENT: John Swick, Jennifer Dunn and Diane Kull

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Lis, JP Hartsig, BJ Donovan

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President, Kathy Nahor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Kathy Nahor expressed the Board’s condolences to Paul Giessler’s family.
The Audit Committee will meet to discuss the Comptroller’s Audit. A tentative meeting date of February 4 at 3:30-4:30 pm was set.
S. Evans wished good luck to the upcoming play, band concerts & Winter Carnival.
J. Phaneuf expressed his interest in attending a Jefferson-Lewis School Boards Association Workshop “The Effects of Social Media and Drugs in Our Schools” on February 24. Other members expressed interest and attendance at this event will be decided at the next meeting.
Jennifer Hartsig asked if her children could attend an educational night focused on science, literacy and math. SUNY Cortland students from the teacher candidate program and their professors will assist Town of Webb UFSD teachers in providing activities for student in grades K-5 from the Town of Webb UFSD. It was explained that this event was for Town of Webb UFSD students.

SPECIAL TOPIC: Board Members reviewed Draft Budget Analysis for 2016-2017.

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2016 regular meeting.

Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Board President, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by A. Garbarino the Board voted to accept the warrants and claims:

WARRANTS & CLAIMS

- #14 Fund A with 1 check written for a total of \$28.75
- #15 Fund A with 50 checks written for a total of \$132,816.20
- #12 Fund C with 7 checks written for a total of \$1,923.18
- #13 Fund TA with 24 checks written for a total of \$468,692.88
- BC/BS February 2016 with 1 check written for a total of \$26,897.02

Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

APPROVAL: On the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, on a motion by A. Garbarino, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the Board voted to approve the authorization of funds to implement the special education programs and services consistent with such recommendations, as needed.

CSE RECOMMENDATION

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

APPOINTMENT: On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the Board voted to approve the appointment the following:

SUBSTITUTE

Substitute Teacher: Maureen Heroux at the rate of \$80/day
Erin Slegaitis at the rate of \$70/day
Substitute Teacher Aide: Maureen Heroux at the rate of \$9.75/hour
Erin Slegaitis at the rate of \$9.75/hour

Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

APPROVAL:
USE OF SCHOOL BUS

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by G. Hildebrant, seconded by J. Phaneuf, the Board voted to approve the request from Camp Gorham for the use of a bus and driver to transport campers from Camp Gorham:

- Tuesday, July 26, 2016 – Campers and staff to and from Beaver Brook Outfitters Rafting Base in North Creek, NY.
- Monday, August 8, 2016 - Campers and staff to Adirondack Extreme in Bolton Landing and then on to Durant Lake State Camp Ground leaving the campers.
- Thursday, August 11, 2016 - Campers and staff from Golden Beach State Park to Camp Gorham.

Camp Gorham bearing all related costs and upon provision of a certificate of insurance naming the school district as an additional insured and pending driver availability.

Vote: Yes – 5 No – 0

ACCEPTANCE:
INTENT TO RETIRE

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by J. Phaneuf, seconded by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to accept the letter of intent for purposes of retirement from Diane Gage, Elementary Teacher, with regret and appreciation for her 21 years of service, effective June 30, 2016.

Vote: Yes- 5 No- 0

APPROVAL:
USE OF SCHOOL BUS

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, on a motion by J. Phaneuf, seconded by A. Garbarino, the Board voted to approve the request from CAA for the use of buses and drivers:

- Snofest – March 12, 2016. Three (3) drivers and buses to transport visitors to and from surrounding parking lots and George T. Hildebrant Recreation Center.

The Central Adirondack Association bearing all related costs and upon provision of a certificate of insurance naming the school district as an additional insured and pending driver availability.

Vote: Yes -5 No – 0

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

John Swick, Principal reviewed the following:

- Our midterms and Regents week concluded on Friday after a successful week. A highlight of the week was 100% of 11th graders passing the English 11 Common Core Regents Exam.
- Our school partnered with Remsen to score the NYS January Regents examinations.
- Second semester began Monday, 2/1/16. We are officially at the halfway mark!
- Val Gaudin (Vocal Music Instructor) and Emily Herrmann (Instrumental Music Instructor) along with their students traveled to rehearse and play in the Bi-County Music Festival on Thursday, 1/28, Friday, 1/29 and Saturday, 1/30. Students in attendance: **Vocal Music:** A.Cooper, O.Phaneuf , C.Brosemer, C.DeFilipps, T.Fenton, S.Hansen **Band:** C.Donovan, L.Hodge
- I attended the Principals Meeting on January 20 at the OHM BOCES to begin networking with the Utica area BOCES to investigate all offerings in our area for students.
- Senior night for the Girls Varsity Volleyball team took place on Friday, 1/22, as the girls graduate 6 seniors.
- A second survey of 4th and 5th grade parents went out yesterday to receive feedback on the schedule change implemented to extend the learning day to 3pm on Tuesday and Thursday.
- Our modified boys' basketball season began last week with games on Thursday and Friday.
- Thank you to everyone involved with our 2 hour delay on Tuesday, 1/26. Students started their day at 9:52 with an 8 period day.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Kathy Nahor reviewed with the Board of Education:

- The upcoming 3-8 assessments have been altered. They are going to contain less questions/passages and were planned to take less time. This week the announcement was made that the time restrictions of the tests have been removed and students will be allowed to continue until they are finished as long as they are actively working.

- There has been new APPR (Annual Professional Performance Review) guidance released. The waiver we received earlier this year has been automatically extended which avoids us having to reapply in March as was the prior requirement. The plan we currently have in place will be used and we must report two scores to the state instead of one since state growth measures or any plan measures that included the 3-8 testing can ultimately not include these scores for the final rating of the teacher.
- BOCES has sent out a preliminary calendar now that the state has released a schedule of testing for next year. State assessments are scheduled for the weeks of March 27-31 and May 1-5. BOCES has scheduled their Spring Break for the week of April 14-21. Good Friday is the 14th and Easter is the 16th. Looking at the calendar it would be best to schedule our Spring Break from April 10-21.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by A. Garbarino, seconded by J. Phaneuf, to enter into executive session at 7:10 p.m. to discuss the the Superintendent’s contract. Vote: Yes -5 No – 0

The Superintendent’s contract was discussed, no action was taken.

REGULAR SESSION: Motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by J. Phaneuf, to return to regular session at 7:48 p.m. Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by G. Hildebrant, seconded by A. Garbarino, to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Vote: Yes - 5 No – 0

District Clerk